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4 The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE  
11 (PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
12 LITIGATION,  
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MDL NO. 1407

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER  
NO. 18D ALTERNATIVE  
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15 This document relates to all  
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**This case management order replaces and supercedes Case Management Order ("CMO") No. 18C, and amends CMO No. 17C.**

The court has determined, after hearing the views of counsel, that the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") requirements contained in CMO 18C are unnecessary in light of the fact that many, if not all, of the transferor courts have similar procedures in place. Therefore, in an effort to streamline the remand process, the court hereby vacates CMO 18C, except that the parties obligation to confer for the purpose of adding to the panel of regional mediators is ongoing.

Parties to actions in MDL 1407 are encouraged to continue engaging in mediations, either in the transferor jurisdictions

1 through court-ordered ADR, or otherwise.

2 CMO 17C is hereby amended to eliminate the following language  
3 from page 4, lines 3-6 of that order: "Issuance of a Suggestion of  
4 Remand Order triggers the Alternative Dispute Resolution Require-  
5 ments contained in CMO 18B for the cases listed in that order."

6 DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.  
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8 s/ Barbara Jacobs Rothstein  
9 HONORABLE BARBARA JACOBS ROTHSTEIN  
10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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